

## DIARY DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 to 8.30pm	Table Tennis club every Tuesday evening. This friendly club is looking for members. All equipment is provided. Entry just £1.50.
5 <sup>th</sup>	3-5 pm	"Tea, Chat and Play" in the Village Hall every Wednesday All welcome.
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Thursday Club in Village Hall  Prescription Rota – John Feilding 678390
16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
18 <sup>th</sup>	12.10-12.30	Mobile Library visit to bus shelter
24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Garden Club : Speaker to be arranged
27 <sup>th</sup>	2.30 pm	Thursday Club in Village Hall
27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Book Club : The Absolutist by John Boyne  Prescription Rota – Sandra Wilkins 670229
28 <sup>th</sup>		Film Night : Children's film TBA Adults' film : Downton Abbey. Seating is limited. Book your place via Jim 678990 or Rob 670534

### Note for Your Diary

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March : World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at 2.30 pm in Ratley Church. Everyone welcome.

## RADWAY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

**A Happy and Peaceful New Year to You All**

### Parish Council News

The Christmas decorations, the post box and the lit-up tree have disappeared, and it is time to thank the people who delivered the cards and those who put on an outdoor display of lights and decorations to cheer us all. Thank you too to the organizers of the Snowmen Event which brought delight to the village.

Thank you to Martin and Mish Dunne for donating a magnificent Christmas tree this year, and thanks also to Yve and Steve Freer for providing the lights and supplying the power for these. The idea of placing messages on the notice board in the bus shelter proved a popular alternative to village cards, and generous pledges were made to different charities.

As things return to normal, and your monthly newsletter drops through your door, it seems a good time to say thank you to our distributors: Michele, Puffin, Jenny, Julie, Ashley and Alison. We really appreciate your commitment to keeping everyone informed. Add to this the village website and the Radway Community Facebook page, both managed by Sophie Stephens, and there really isn't any excuse for not knowing what is going on!

The County Highways Department has arranged for the jetting of the drains to be undertaken. All the drains on Langdon Lane have been cleaned and the remaining drains will be done in due course. A further request has been made to address the flooding at the cart wash and the footpath. We are awaiting the delivery of four new, easy to erect, flood-warning signs, which will be stored to the side of the village hall in the large container.

The Parish Council has contracted with the District Council to cut the grass in the Old Graveyard. It is intended to cut the grass each month throughout the growing season. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to explore how the Old Graveyard might be used and cared for in the future, so this will not be progressed for the present time.

Various options have been considered to address speeding through the village. "Gated" entrances to the village have been rejected and it is thought dragon's teeth markings would have little impact on speeding in the centre of the village. The County Highways have been asked to replace all the worn 30-mile speed repeater signs throughout the village and reinstate 'SLOW' road marking. In addition, further 'SLOW' road markings have been requested and installation of new signs to warn drivers of the frequent presence of animals.

The siting of a bench on the Tysoe Road, opposite to the cricket ground, is still under consideration. Please contact any Councillor to express your views on the siting of this bench. A new bench is also to be placed in the Recreation Ground.

### **Playground Project**

We are delighted that the new playground is being used so much, and that we have had such good feedback on the equipment that was chosen. Work will take place (when the weather allows) to repair damage to the grass that was unavoidable during such bad weather / heavy rainfall during the installation process.

Work has now started on ideas and fundraising options for phase 2. We will be applying for more grant funding that is available, and we are holding an Open Gardens fundraising event for this project at The Grange on 6th and 7th June. Watch this space!

### **Litter Along Langdon Lane**

Two of our young people recently conducted a litter survey along Langdon Lane as an Environmental Project for school. They found an appalling 181 items on a 2/3rd mile stretch.

Some of the litter, it would appear, has been left by Travellers as it was found adjacent to the stretch of lane they use (gas cylinders/ tyres etc). Other litter sources are less clear. It seems obvious that at least some of this litter has been dropped by local residents. In fact, one particular individual has been seen throwing cans and food packaging out of their car window.

Fines can be imposed by the police for such littering, but the Parish Council would hope that such measures would not be necessary. All of us

are responsible for keeping our lovely village looking its best, so please take your litter home!

### **Thursday Club**

We are sorry that the Bring and Buy Sale previously booked for 16<sup>th</sup> January had to be postponed. This will be re-arranged and the date will be published in the next newsletter.

### **News from the Radway Events Group (REG)**

We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party. A lovely atmosphere as usual!

A schedule of events for 2020 has been decided as follows:

March 20<sup>th</sup> Pop up pub and Quiz- contact Yve or Rob to book .

May 8<sup>th</sup> VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations

June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Open Garden at The Grange in aid of recreation ground

July 11<sup>th</sup> Treasure Hunt

September 5<sup>th</sup> Progressive Supper

Further details and contact people can be found on the Parish Council website. Please let us know if you'd like to help in any way.

### **Pilates**

Sadly, for personal reasons, Sonia is unable to continue Pilates classes in the village hall. This is a valued facility for many, so Puffin is trying to find another teacher to take on the classes. Hopefully, further (good) news will follow!

### **Village Hall News**

The Trustees are delighted with the restored north wall of the hall. Our thanks go to George England, of Walton Stone, for doing such a great job. To keep the hall looking good, it needs a weekly clean, and therefore we are seeking a cleaner for one hour per week. Please contact Rob on 07920 107486 to discuss further if you're interested, including the cleaning requirements, rates and times.

The Village Hall hiring charges have been increased very slightly. Please see the Parish Council website for further details.